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Lebanon

The struggle between Amal and the Palestinians has developed into sectarian violence involving all of West Beirut and causing at least 30 new casualties, Voice of Lebanon radio announced in a report on the security situation early 3 June. Sunni organizations and members of the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) were fighting the Amal Movement, the Ba'th Party Organization, and the Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade, the radio said. However, a PSP source cited by Beirut radio denied "suspect" reports of fighting between the PSP and its allies, though he acknowledged that efforts were underway to contain "limited clashes" in one area of West Beirut.

Amal leader Nabih Birri stressed his movement's cohesion with the PSP in remarks reported by the clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio following talks on the camps situation with PSP leader Walid Junblatt and Syrian military officials 2 June. The radio also cited Junblatt's view that PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat is fanning the "conflagration" by sending men into the camps and "making statements." 'Arafat stated earlier in Tunis that the PLO does not intend to return to Beirut and he announced his readiness to send an envoy to Beirut to meet with Birri, according to Baghdad Voice of PLO radio. The clandestine Radio Free Lebanon viewed the military struggle between Amal and the Palestinians as part of the ongoing conflict between 'Arafat and Syria, adding that the Syrians have dispatched fresh ammunition supplies to bolster Amal's "deteriorating" military position.

In another development, Voice of Lebanon radio cited PFLP-GC leader Ahmad Jibril's statement that Soviet advisers are working with the Syrian forces in Lebanon and that this means the USSR believes Syria's security interests extend to Lebanon.

Soviet-Arab Relations

During a meeting with USSR State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations Chairman Konstantin Katushev 2 June, Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad was given a written message from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, Damascus radio reported. Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shar' also attended the meeting with the Soviet official, who arrived in Syria the same day.

In another development, the UAE paper *AL-ITTIHAD* asserted that Syria and the Soviet Union have agreed to move toward signing an "integration treaty" that will grant Syria the same level of Soviet support enjoyed by Cuba and Ethiopia, according to WAKH. The paper also said Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi is expected to visit Moscow shortly to sign a friendship and cooperation agreement with the USSR.

As for Soviet-Kuwaiti relations, KUNA reported that the Soviet ambassador gave the Kuwaiti amir a message from Mikhail Gorbachev 3 June.

Egypt-Iraq

Iraqi President Saddam Husayn has decided to commute the death sentences of 10 Egyptians to life imprisonment in response to Egyptian President Husni Mubarak's "request," Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq 'Aziz announced in a statement reported by MENA. Monitored Iraqi media have not been observed to report the commutation of the sentences. An earlier Radio Monte Carlo report cited an 'Aziz news conference in which he insisted that no "problem" exists between the two governments over the issue.

In a related development, Saddam Husayn asked Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid to convey an oral message to Mubarak, Baghdad radio reported, while a later INA report noted Al-Majid's departure from Baghdad at the conclusion of his visit.

Iran-Iraq War

IRNA claimed that Iraqi planes bombed residential areas in Piranshahr and West Azarbayjan Province, killing 11 civilians, an allegation subsequently rebutted by an Iraqi military spokesman, who told INA that Iraqi air strikes are "confined" to military targets.

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Pakistani Charges of Border Violations Rejected

LD021802 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1000 today and the following matters were pointed out to him by the director of the First Political Section:

The Government of Pakistan has once again alleged that DRA Armed Forces have violated the Domandi area of Chaman on 15 May, 1986; the Teri Mangal areas and the (?Pewar) Kital on 13 May; the (Balahesra) region of Khurram Agency on 14 May; (Mardab) and (Pecha-e Chaman) on 15 May again; the Kakari border post on 17 May; and the (Balhesar) and [name indistinct] regions in Khurram Agency on the same date; the (Alizai) village, Khurram Agency on 19 May.

After an all-round investigation and assessment, the DRA Government considers these allegations to be groundless and far from the truth, and refutes them resolutely. It states that the Pakistani authorities should put an end to such fabrications which only aggravate the situation on the border.

Najibullah Addresses Sikhs, Hindus on Rights, Trade

LD012104 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Excerpts] The elders and representatives, artisans, national traders, intellectuals and leaders of the Hindus and Sikhs of the country's capital and provinces this afternoon met with Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, congratulating him on his election to his post. At a meeting held at the Storay Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Comrade Najibullah spoke in detail about the profound attention of the party and state to the equality of rights of all nationalities and tribes in the country, including the Hindus and Sikhs.

Comrade Najibullah spoke about the maintenance of the true and complete equality of the nationalities and tribes in the country, and shed light on the policy and program of action of the PDPA and the DRA in this regard. He said: Our party and state will take practical measures so that the people of Afghanistan participate equally and fraternally, without prejudice, in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country, and in state and party organs in accordance with their talents.

In another part of his statement Comrade Najibullah said that trade is one of the fundamental pillars of the growth of our country's economy, and trade is mostly in the hands of our Hindu and Sikh brothers. The party and revolutionary state has clearly announced support for private investors and national traders, and has extended true cooperation to national traders and national capitalists. We request our national capitalists and national traders to put their capital into circulation for the prosperity of Afghanistan and the construction of a new society. The party and revolutionary state will provide all necessary facilities in this area.

Discussing the party's and state's concern with maintaining religious observance by the country's Hindu and Sikh brothers, Comrade Najibullah said: The revolution belongs to all workers of our country.

The revolution asks all fraternal nationalities, tribes and ethnic groups of the country, among them our Hindu and Sikh brothers, to participate actively in defending the aspirations of the revolution in a united and cohesive manner so that all our compatriots can live in peace and tranquillity in revolutionary Afghanistan, and poverty, hunger, sickness and illiteracy be eliminated from our country.

AFP: KHAD Deputy Minister Killed by Mujahidin

BK030850 Hong Kong AFP in English 0840 GMT 3 Jun 86

[Text] Islamabad, June 3 (AFP) — Afghanistan's deputy minister of state security and two other high ranking officials of the KHAD (secret police) were killed when their jeep hit a landmine planted by guerrillas in Qandahar last week, western diplomats said here on Tuesday.

They said that in another incident Moslem rebels killed 46 party members when they stormed the ruling Communist Party office in the northwestern Paghman Province. The attack was in retaliation to heavy air strikes two days earlier to flush out guerrillas in the area, they said.

State Security Minister Addresses Kabul Meeting

LD022308 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] In a meeting of the Executive Bureau and personnel of the Kabul party committee, Major General Gholan Faruq Yaqubi, minister of state security, discussed the security situation in Kabul and throughout the country. The meeting was held this morning in the conference hall of the Ministry of Public Health.

Personnel of ward party committees, secretaries of primary party organizations and a number of officials representing social organizations, from Kabul also attended.

Gholan Faruq Yaqubi explained the basic aspects of the destructive activities of the counterrevolution and imperialism in our country, and presented documented facts concerning the recent propaganda by the imperialist mass media to destabilize the country — to destabilize it ideologically.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that Gholan Faruq Yaqubi, while stressing the organizational, political, and social strength as well as the revolutionary alertness of the personnel of party committees and social organizations in the struggle against this psychological war of imperialism, highly assessed the role of the party and social organizations of Kabul.

After thanking them for their cooperation with security organs, especially with state security, he expressed the wish for expanding this cooperation further.

Commentator Views U.S. Chemical Weapons Plans

LD020615 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0457 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Kabul, June 1, BAKHTAR: A political observer of BAKHTAR writes: The decision of NATO countries in connection with the endorsement of production of chemical weapons is not only at variance with the accords on prohibition of production of chemical weapons between the USSR and the USA, but it completely eliminates the possibility of attaining prohibition on the production and use of chemical weapons. The decision not only makes chemical disarmament impossible, but it increases the danger of chemical weapons.

The recent statement of the USSR Government on the decision of the NATO countries in connection with the production of new chemical weapons in the USA has responded to the question whether chemical weapons disarmament is possible or not. Whatever that concerns the Soviet side is completely clear. The USSR has time and again persisted on the unconditional prohibition of the production of chemical weapons in the international arena and it has put forward specific proposals for attaining this aim. The recent proposal of Mikhail Gorbachev, general secretary of the CPSU, set forth in his statement of January 15 1986 in connection with the complete elimination of chemical weapons and its stockpiles is a good example on the question.

The USA has the largest arsenal of chemical weapons in the world. At present, Pentagon has three million units of chemical weapons in its depots and it intends to increase the quanity to five million units. Over ninety varieties of the US chemical weapons are stationed not only inside that country, but they are placed in other countries also, in particular, in the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Israel, a number of countries in the Pacific region and on the US ships in different corners of the world. There exists only in the FRG four million litres of strong poisonous material one miligram of which will be sufficent for the killing of a person and the amount can annihilate the world population several times.

History bears witness that it is the USA which has used chemical weapons in its aggressive wars. The US used hundreds of thousands of chemical weapons against the Vietnamese in the Vietnam war. Innocent people have become victim of the US chemical weapons in the Middle East in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

The people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan realise the great significance of the Soviet proposal on banning the production and use of chemical weapons, because it has become the victim of the US imperialism.

The Washington administration, which has waged the imperialistic undeclared war against Afghanistan, in addition to providing the counter-revolutionaries with the most modern weapons, has also put chemical weapons at their disposal.

The seizure of US made chemical weapons of CI-517 from the counter-revolutionaries in Herat Province is a crying example on the score. The counter-revolutionaries, on the bidding of the US imperialism have poisoned tens of schools in the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The Reagan administration and its NATO allies do not want to meet their responsibility vis-a-vis the world public by desisting from such inhuman decisions.

Shankar Urges Sri Lanka To End Killing of Tamils

BK011619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Reports from Sri Lanka say that at least 2 civilians have been killed and 30 injured in renewed air raids on Jaffna and surrounding areas. The air raids were followed by Army shelling. According to a spokesman of the joint operation command, four soldiers were injured when the Army came under heavy firing from the militants. A number of shops and high schools in Jaffna were damaged in the shelling and strafing.

Meanwhile, the external affairs minister, Mr P. Shiv Shanker, has urged the Sri Lankan Government to end the killing of innocent Tamils in the island. Speaking in Hyderabad, he said India will make use of all possible means to resolve the ethnic issue. He said it is a political problem and has to be solved on a political plane. He pointed out that the present impasse has been created by the Sri Lankan Government unleashing violence against the Tamil minorities.

Rules Out Military Intervention

BK020316 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] The external affairs minister, Mr Shiv Shanker, has ruled out military intervention in Sri Lanka. Talking to newsmen in Hyderabad yesterday, he said the ethnic problem in the island is a political one and it has to be solved on a political plane. Mr Shiv Shanker said India will use all possible means to resolve the issue. The external affairs minister called upon the Sri Lankan Government to show the bona fides by putting an end to state terrorism on the ethnic minorities in that country.

Replying to a question, Mr Shiv Shanker said India had agreed to use its good offices when Sri Lanka sought assistance. The present impasse has been created by Colombo by unleashing violence against the Tamil minorities. The minister said it would be difficult for India to use its good offices and persuade the Tamil militants to sit for discussions unless the Sri Lankan Government responded to a certain clarification sought by India.

Strike Against Killings Begins in Tamil Nadu

BK310749 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] In Tamil Nadu the 12-hour state-wide bundh [strike] began at 0600 this morning to protest against the killings of Tamils in Sri Lanka. In Madras, buses are off the road and shops, banks, industrial establishments, and hotels are closed. The streets and markets are bearing a deserted look. Railways and the Indian airlines have canceled many of their services and rescheduled others.

AIR [All India Radio] correspondent reports that the Central and Egmore railway stations in Madras are without any activity. Essential services like milk supply, drinking water, electricity, newspapers, and hospitals have been exempted from the bundh. Madras Port Trust carried on its normal work with 75 percent of its workers reporting for duty. About 2,000 people have been taken into custody throughout the state as a precautionary measure. The bundh has been called by political parties in the state. Reports from Pondicherry said shops and other business establishments in the Union Territory remained closed and vehicles are off the roads. Bus and train services have been suspended.

USSR Laser Station Set Up in Tamil Nadu

BK301600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] The Soviet Union has set up a laser station at Kaualur, Tamil Nadu, under their intercosmos program. The Soviet-made laser rangers are capable of monitoring even the slightest fluctuations of the earth surface with the precision of 10 cms. This will help forecast earthquakes and draw up accurate maps for oil and gas exploration.

AFP: 3 Other Sikhs Wanted in Plot To Bomb Plane

BK030753 Hong Kong AFP in English 0738 GMT 3 Jun 86

[Text] New Delhi, June 3 (AFP) — Indian intelligence agencies have launched an operation to find and arrest three Sikhs suspected of planning to blow up an Air India jet on a flight from New York, officials said Tuesday. "We have reasons to believe that the Sikhs Karamjit Kohli, alias inspector, Sukhdev Singh and Attinder Pal are linked with five Sikhs who were arrested last week in Montreal," a Federal Investigation Bureau spokesman said. The five were arrested for allegedly planning to plant a bomb on an Air India Boeing 747 that was to take off from New York for New Delhi last Saturday.

The hunt for the three began after the Royal Canadian Mounted Police alerted India that two of the Canadian Sikhs, Gurcharan Singh Banwait and Santokh Singh Khela, had confirmed links with the three, officials said. The five belong to an ultra militant Sikh faction, Babbar Khalsa, which is fighting for an independent nation in India's P .jab State.

The Indian Government has put a 10,000 dollar price on each of the three. Mr. Kohli is also wanted for allegedly masterminding a series of explosions using booby trapped transistor radios in May 1985 in which 85 people were killed and more than 100 injured. Mr. Pal went underground just before Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated in October 1984. Sikh militants are suspected of having planted the bomb that exploded on an Air India flight which crashed in June 1985 near the Irish coast, killing all 329 passengers and crew.

Continuing Reportage on Clashes in Punjab State

3 Killed, 1 Injured

BK020343 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Three Nihangs [members of a Sikh sect] were killed and one injured in an exchange of fire between two rival groups of

Nihangs in Singpura, near Noshiarpur, in Punjab last night. Police have cordoned off the area. Other details are awaited.

'Terrorists' Kill Former Commissioner

BK021344 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab one person was killed when two suspected terrorists fired at him in a village near Fatehgarh Churian this morning. The victim has been identified as Mr Ram Lubhaya, an ex-municipal commissioner. Later, an unruly mob fired at and injured a local doctor and set his house ablaze. A strong contingent of police and paramilitary forces has been deployed in view of the tension in the area.

Assembly Adjourns; Curfews Imposed

BK021701 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab the ruling Akali Dal candidates Mr Surjit Singh Minhas and Mr Jaswant Singh have been elected speaker and deputy speaker of the state legislative assembly. At a special session of the house in Chandigarh today, Mr Minhas was elected speaker securing 86 votes, while 26 members voted against him. The Congress-I, Bharatiya Janata Party [BJP], Communist Party of India, and four independents voted with the ruling party. The breakaway group of the Akali Dal voted against him. The lone Janata Party member, Mr Kirpal Singh, abstained. The names of Mr Minhas and Mr Jaswant Singh were proposed by the chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala.

The former Punjab agriculture minister, Captain Amrinder Singh, has been elected leader of the breakaway group of Akali legislators in the state assembly. The meeting of the group was held in Chandigarh this morning.

The Punjab assembly, which started its session this afternoon for the election of speaker and deputy speaker, adjourned sine die late evening.

Earlier, the pro tem speaker, Mr Mohan Lal, referred to an issue of breach of privilege to the Privilege Committee of the house. The issue raised by two Congress-I members related to the alleged deployment of police within the precincts of the assembly and the questioning of legislators by policemen. The assembly witnessed two noisy walkouts by the breakaway group of the Akali Dal — one immediately after question hour, and the other minutes before the house was adjourned sine die.

The chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, today assured the state legislative assembly that all possible steps will be taken to ensure the safety of life and property of the people, particularly those belonging to the minority community. He was replying to two adjournment motions regarding the situation created in the state by the migration of some members of the minority community. The motion was tabled by Mr Mohan Lal, BJP, and Mrs Gurbinder Kaur (Brar), Congress-I. Mr Barnala said 270 families have so far migrated outside the state from the districts of Amritsar and Gurdaspur. He said migration has not been reported from any other district so far. The chief minister said the government is fully alive to the menace of terrorism in the state and some effective steps have recently been taken to curb this.

In Punjab indefinite curfew was clamped in Fatehgarh Churian town in Gurdaspur District today following the killing of the BJP leader, Mr Ram Lubhaya this morning. Mr Lubhaya was cycling down to a village on the outskirts of the town when he was shot and killed by two terrorists. Later, an unruly mob fired at and injured a local doctor and set his house ablaze. The doctor has been admitted to a hospital. A strong contingent of police and paramilitary forces has been deployed in view of the tension in the area.

Curfew was also clamped in Jhandiala town in Amritsar District after two groups of people clashed and some persons were injured. Security forces fired in the air to disperse them.

Meanwhile, the preventive arrests in the state have gone up to 984 as the protest week called by the All India Sikh Students Federation and the United Akali Dal to mark the 2d anniversary of "Operation Blue Star" [storming of Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar] entered the second day today.

Karnataka Chief Issues Warning Against 'Agitation'

BK021619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] The Karnataka chief minister, Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, has warned of stern action if the agitation against teaching of Kannada in schools in the border areas took a violent turn. Speaking to newsmen in Bangalore today after a meeting with opposition leaders, he appealed to the Maharashtra leaders to withdraw their agitation. He also rejected their demand for a judicial inquiry into yesterday's police firing in (Hindalga) village near Belgaum in which two persons were killed. He said that the magisterial inquiry already ordered is sufficient.

Meanwhile, the bundh [strike] called by the Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti [unification committee] to protest against the police firing in (Hindalga) village passed off without any major incidents. The bundh call met with moderate response in Belgaum, while it was total in Netani and Khanapur. In the Belgaum suburb of Ellur, police burst tear gas shells to disperse a mob indulging in arson. The mob set fire to a reading room and records in the village accountant's office.

AFP: 'Hundreds' of Tibetans Reportedly Arrested

BK021410 Hong Kong AFP in English 1358 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] New Delhi, June 2 (AFP) — Hundreds of Tibetans have been arrested recently in China's autonomous region of Tibet, the Tibetan Youth Congress said here on Monday. Congress Secretary-General Tashi Namgyal said in a press release that the Chinese were rounding up political activists, especially those with contacts with Tibet's government-in-exile. Officially the arrests were to weed out "anti-social elements," but the congress said not a single Chinese had been detained.

More than 250 Tibetans, mostly youths, were arrested in the Tibetan capital Lhasa alone on May 9 and paraded through the streets. Some 100 were released later, but the rest are still imprisoned without trial, the congress said. "We strongly condemn this barbaric colonial oppression of our people in Tibet and demand the immediate release of all those who were arrested," it said.

The Dalai Lama, the god king of Tibetans, fled his country along with thousands of followers after an abortive anti-Chinese uprising in Lhasa in 1959, and has been living in exile in India since then as head of a government. The Chinese Army marched into Lhasa in September 1951.

Talks on Bangladesh Refugees Repatriation Fail

BK311615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Officials of India and Bangladesh who met at Ramgarh in Bangladesh today have failed to agree on the modalities for repatriation of Chakma [tribe] refugees. Giving this information, the Tripura inspector general of police, Mr S.C. Jadev, said there are about 10,000 refugees in three different camps in South Tripura District.

Congress-I Working President Urged To Resign

BK301613 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] The Congress-I general secretary, Mr T. Anjian, has said that the working president of the party, Mr Kamlapati Tripathi, should resign from his post on moral grounds. He was replying to questions by newsmen in New Delhi today regarding any possible action that might be taken because of the letter written by him to the party president about a month ago, the text of which was published in the press yesterday. Mr Anjian maintained that Mr Tripathi should not have written the letter. He could have sorted out the matter with the party president.

Party Resolves Rift

BK021348 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] The Congress-I Working Committee has decided to close the matter relating to the letter sent by the working president, Mr Kamlapati Tripathi, to the party president, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, on 22 April. The working committee considered the letter at its meeting in New Delhi today and also heard Mr Tripathi. A senior member of the party, Mr Narasimha Rao, told newsmen later that the working committee decided to let the matter rest there. Mr Tripathi himself was present at the crowded press briefing along with the vice president, Mr Arjun Singh, and the general secretaries.

Mr Tripathi told the newsmen that after writing the letter he had met Mr Gandhi, who had clarified every issue to his full satisfaction. Mr Tripathi said he has no grievance now against the party president. In his statement to the working committee, Mr Tripathi deplored the release of the letter to the press and said some persons had committed breach of trust. The working committee endorsed the decision to expel Mr Pranab Mukherjee and suspend Mr A.P. Sharma, Mr Shripati Mishra, and Mr Prakash Mehrotra.

Mr Narasimha Rao said the working committee members felt that the situation created by the letter, particularly its release to the press, has given rise to several organizational questions relating to discipline and functioning of the party. Members were emphatic in their views that any act of indiscipline should not be countenanced. Steps should be taken to put an end to any such activity.

Self-Sufficiency in Small Arms Production Reached

BK021204 Karachi Overseas Service in Urdu 0800 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Excerpt] Pakistan has achieved self-sufficiency in the production of small arms and ammunition within the country. This was stated by the parliamentary secretary for defense, Colonel W. Herbert, retired, during question hour in the National Assembly this morning. He said a proposal is under consideration to increase the production of defense equipment in view of the overall demand for various kinds of weapons. Efforts are also underway to improve the quality of arms and to acquire sophisticated technology for producing more lethal and sophisticated, and cost-effective telecommunication and other defense weapons.

Indian 'Flirtation' With U.S. Reportedly Over

GF021150 Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English 16 May 86 p 5

["Focus on India" by D.K. Joshi: "Rajiv's 'Flirtation' With U.S. Seems Over"]

[Excerpts] The brief Indian flirtation with the United States that followed Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination and the coming to power of her son Rajiv seems to have ended. Recent anti-American foreign policy pronouncements from New Delhi must be music to Soviet ears. Rajiv Gandhi is no ideologue, but he has a strong instinct for political survival. But South Asian reality and Washington's rigid adherence to its global strategy soon came into conflict. Gandhi criticised Reagan's star wars programme and supported Soviet disarmament moves. He [Gandhi] gave the U.S. time to stop condoning what India regards as delinquent Pakistani behaviour, such as the training of pro-Khalistani terrorists in the Punjab and provoking skirmishes on the Ladakh border in Kashmir.

Even on economic matters the U.S. put pressures on India through the World Bank to devalue the rupee further without coming forward with offers of soft loans. India's trade gap has widened — an estimated $7 billion last year — and the shadow of the debt trap hangs ominously. India is upset about Washington's ally Israel giving technical help to train Sri Lanka's secret commando service to deal with the ethnic Tamil minority. It believes Washington should have discouraged Israel for meddling in Sri Lankan affairs.

U.S. goodwill towards India has been confined to words and divorced from deeds and the situation has now reached a stage where Gandhi cannot afford to look different from Mrs. Gandhi. He is concerned and has to go back to the days of populist postures and a pro-Soviet stance.

7 Parcham Faction Officials Reportedly Killed

BK311029 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say seven office bearers of the Parcham faction have been killed by Soviet-Kabul troops who along with other members were demonstrating in front of the presidential palace in Kabul. Reports say that a number of demonstrators had gathered in front of the palace and raised slogans against the occupant foreign authorities.

Afghan Mujahidin Attack Soviet Convoy, Base

BK030303 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 3 Jun 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say mujahidin attacked a Soviet-Kabul convoy in Shakar Darreh in the past few days killing many Soviet-Afghan soldiers. Mujahidin also damaged several Soviet tanks and armored cars.

Another report says that Afghan freedom fighters attacked Soviet-Kabul bases in (Jazi) of Pakita Province last month, killing or wounding about 39 Soviet-Kabul soldiers.

Mujahidin Attack Jalalabad, Hit Helicopters

BK010643 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0600 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say mujahidin attacked Soviet-Kabul forces at Jalalabad airport last Sunday [25 May], destroying two helicopters and damaging three. Eight soldiers are reported to have been killed.

According to reports, mujahidin attacked Quandahar cantonment, setting several buildings in the area on fire. Mujahidin fired rockets on a security post in (Naorov Shahburj), damaging it badly.

NEPAL

Prime Minister Comments on Floating of Rupee

BK011239 Hong Kong AFP in English 1211 GMT 1 Jun 86

[By Kedar Man Singh]

[Text] Katmandu, June 1 (AFP) — The decision to float the Nepalese rupee against the Indian currency was a daring step that would improve the Nepalese economy, interim Prime Minister N.P. Rijal said Sunday. Nepal's central bank, the Rastra Bank, Saturday announced that it planned to float the exchange rate of the Nepalese rupee against the Indian rupee for the first time in 35 years.

The initial exchange rate was based on the international monetary exchange rate, at 168 Nepalese rupees to 100 Indian rupees, an effective revaluation of the local currency by some 1.2 per cent. The rate was fixed previously at 170 Nepalese rupees to 100 Indian rupees, while the Nepalese currency was allowed to float against other currencies.

Mr. Rijal told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSES Sunday that floating the Nepalese rupee against the Indian rupee was a "daring step" that would have a positive impact on the Nepalese economy in the long-term. Some Nepalese economists and entrepreneurs, however, have sharply criticised the move, taken just ten days before the opening session of a new Nepalese Parliament. A majority of those elected to Parliament in a general election held May 12 have indicated that they favor reform of the country's economic policies.

Several economists said the government's decision to float the Nepalese rupee against the Indian currency was good "in principle," but warned that it could lead to inflation that would hurt Nepalese in the low income bracket. Yadav Prasad Pant, a former finance minister who won a seat in Parliament last month, told AFP that the new monetary policy could encourage speculation in Indian rupees and hurt consumers. One economist said that Nepal's central bank should have retained the option to intervene if there were a sharp fall in the value of the Nepalese rupee against the Indian currency. The economist added that the floating of the Nepalese rupee could have a negative impact on exports to India.

The floating of the Nepalese rupee was the latest of a series of economic steps taken in the land-locked Himalayan kingdom over the past month. It followed a government decision to increase the price of chemical fertilizers by 20 to 30 per cent and the price of cement by seven per cent. That decision was denounced by Nepal Peasant's Organisation, which said the rise in the price of chemical fertilizers would only benefit "unscrupulous businessmen."

A Government spokesman said hiking the price of fertilizer was necessary to cut down on fertilizer smuggling into India, where fertilizer is more expenseive.

Despite the price hike, the spokesman said, the government was still subsidizing the price by a certain percentage. The spokesman added that the Intenational Monetary Fund (IMF) had also been "pressuring" Nepal for the past year to increase the price of fertilizer.

The rise in the price of fertilizer was blamed for an overnight 25 per cent rise in the price of rice, economists noted, adding that there has been some evidence of hoarding of vegetables by people expecting a rise in the price of those products.

The price rises were followed by the lifting of restrictions on bank interest rates by Nepal's central bank, and the cancelling of subsidies to commercial banks on pre-shipment loans to exporters, for which no reason was given.

Local commercial banks have increased annual interest rates by up to 70 per cent for some industrial loans, according to a senior Nepal Bank Ltd. official. Capital and working industrial loans had previously been fixed at between 19 and 20 per cent. Interest rates for loans to private parties against a guarantee of gold and silver security have been increased by between 6.25 per cent and 8.8 per cent. For other types of loans, interest rates have been hiked from 10 per cent to 16 per cent.

SRI LANKA

Continuing Reportage on Tamil Situation

5 Soldiers Injured in Explosion

BK020738 Hong Kong AFP in English 0706 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Colombo, June 2 (AFP) — Five soldiers were wounded in northern Jaffna Sunday when a landmine exploded under their vehicle and suspected Tamil separatists opened fire on them, security sources said here Monday.

The soldiers were moving food from their Jaffna Fort encampment to a new position at nearby Mandativu when the landmine exploded as they crossed Pannai Causeway, sending their vehicle tumbling into the lagoon, the sources said. They then came under automatic weapon fire and shelling from Tamil separatists, the sources added. Jaffna residents said the troops shot back at the separatists and that one person was killed and several wounded in the clash. No official comment from Jaffna sources on the reports was immediately available.

Security sources also said there was no change in the casualty toll from three suspected Tamil attacks last weekend which left nearly 50 people dead. Twenty-one soldiers and five civilians were killed when a landmine exploded in northeastern Trincomalee District Friday under a bus travelling in an Army convoy. The blast followed shortly after an explosion in a Colombo soft drinks and meat products factory which killed 10 people. Twelve more died Saturday when another bomb exploded on a Colombo-bound passenger train.

(Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi said that the high commissioner, Bernard Tilakaratne, was returning to Colombo for consultations on efforts to solve the Tamil separatist question.

(The spokesman also denied Indian press reports that a stalemate had been reached in Indian attempts to mediate a solution to the problem.

(The negotiations were an "ongoing process," he said, adding that the clarifications India wanted over Colombo's limited autonomy plans to answer Tamil separatist demands would be forthcoming "very soon."

(The Indian Government has said the clarifications it sought and had been promised had not be given and the mediation process was "suspended."

(Press reports Monday quoted External Affairs Minister P. Shiv Shankar Sunday as ruling out any military intervention by India to settle the Tamil issue. That could be "state terrorism," he was quoted as saying.

(But unless Colombo gave assurances that violence would not be used against the Tamil minority, India would withdraw its "good offices", reports quoted him as saying.)

Further Details

BK021130 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 2 June 86

[Text] Five soldiers were injured when terrorists exploded a landmine under a troop carrier loaded with food supplies on the Pannai Causeway in Jaffna yesterday. The incident triggered off a shootout between the security forces and terrorists which lasted for 4 hours, official sources said. One person died, and 26 others who were injured were admitted to the Jaffna hospital yesterday.

The soldiers, who were transporting a lorry-load of food from Jaffna Fort to the newly-established Mandativu army camp, had just crossed the bridge 1 mile from the Jaffna Fort when the explosion occurred.

A Tamil alleged to have provided information leading to the massive arms haul on 29 March was killed by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, LTTE, in Batticaloa on Saturday [31 May]. His body was found tied to a lamp post 10 miles from Batticaloa town in Chenkaladi. A poster found near the body said the killing was the punishment for passing information to security forces. The 29 March arms haul was the largest ever in Batticaloa.

6 Dead in Renewed Violence

BK020918 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka at least 6 persons lost their lives and over 40 received injuries in renewed violence in Jaffna town and surrounding areas. Two children from Gurunagar area are also among the killed. Residents reported gunfire and strafing from helicopters from about 0930 this morning. The whole of Jaffna town wore a deserted look with shops, banks and educational establishments closed. Reports say that all south-bound private passenger buses going from Jaffna were turned back at Elephant Pass checkpoint.

Helicopter Strafes Jaffna

BK030317 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 3 Jun 86

[Text] In Sri Lanka reports from Jaffna say that 1 civilian was killed and 11 injured when helicopters strafed the town and surrounding areas for about 3 hours yesterday. There was intermittent shelling from the fort. Jaffna town wore a deserted look, with normal life almost at a standstill. Air Force planes were seen searching about the town, but there was no report of bombing. However, according to the Joint Operation Command, no incidents were reported from Jaffna yesterday.

In Colombo, one employee was killed when a dental institute went on the flame yesterday morning. Police said electric short circuit was believed to be the cause of fire, although they did not rule out sabotage.

136 Killed, 500 Injured in May

BK021202 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] One hundred and thirty-six people have been killed and more than 500 injured in a month of bombs, landmines, and gunfire throughout the country. All these killings were committed by terrorists in the Vesak [Buddha's birth] month of May and more than 100 of the injured are still receiving treatment in hospitals. Four time bombs were exploded in Colombo and one in the Trincomalee District, which put out of business the Mitsui Cement Corporation.

Khomeyni Makes Donation to 'Needy'

LD011038 Tehran IRNA in English 1033 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Imam Khomeyni the leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran here Sunday donated rials 10 million (dlrs. 125,000) to the Imam Khomeyni relief committee to be spent for the needy.

The donation was made on the occasion of the""week to help the oppressed", last week. Meanwhile officials of the committee hoped that the public will continue to help the needy of the society.

IRNA Cites Al-Qadhdhafi Message to Khamene'i

LD020839 Tehran IRNA in English 0755 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — The Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, received the Iranian ambassador to Tripoli Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad Kazem Khonsari here Sunday and delivered him an important message for President 'Ali Khamene'i of Iran.

The Libyan leader claled for greater solidarity among revolutionary Muslim forces in the light of threats of U.S. imperialism. He also reiterated support of Libya for the righteous stances of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Iraqi-Imposed war. Colonel al-Qadhdhafi, praising the combat put up by the Islamic forces of Iran, called for overthrow of the Iraqi Ba'thist regime and for liberation of the Muslims of Iraq.

The Iranian ambassador hailing the firm support of the Libyan people and leadership for the Islamic Republic of Iran, praised resistance of the Libyan people in their confrontation with U.S. imperialism. He then visited the residence of the Libyan leader which was damaged in a recent attack by U.S. jet fighters.

IRGC's Rahmani Briefs Majlis Speaker on Libyan Trip

LD022213 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] According to IRNA, the Islamic Majlis public relations office announced: Rahmani, supervisor of mobilization forces of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, having returned from Libya, met with Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani and presented a report on his trip this afternoon [2 June].

Rahmani also conveyed the friendly message and overall support of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah for the Islamic Revolution of Iran.

Musavi: Islam Endangers Expansionist Regimes

LD311529 Tehran IRNA in English 1340 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 31, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi said here Friday that the spread of the Islamic Revolution of Iran has made imperialist powers to feel the danger Islam poses to expansionist regimes. Therefore, enemies of the Islamic Revolution have intensified their pressure against it, the prime minister added, urging Iranians to beware of the plots more than ever.

Speaking in a ceremony commemorating the martyrdom anniversary of Imam 'Ali (AS), the first imam of the household of the prophet (SAW), Musavi warned Muslim nations against the corrupt Western culture. "We expect our Islamic society to exploit values of the holy month of Ramadan (fasting month) to further increase its invulnerability against plots of the enemies", Musavi said.

In conclusion he lauded characterisitcs of Imam 'Ali (AS) and said that the Islamic Republic of Iran owes its Islamic identity to great Muslim figures such as Imam 'Ali (AS).

Musavi Meets With New Ambassador to USSR

LD021959 Tehran IRNA in English 1530 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — Newly appointed Iranian ambassador to Moscow Naser Heyrani-Nowbari met Prime minister Husayn Musavi here Monday. Prime Minister Musavi in the meeting talked on expansion of Iran-Soviet relations on the basis of mutual respect and said the Islamic Republic attaches importance to its policy of good neighborliness including the Soviet Union.

Nowbari was director of the Second Political Department of the Foreign Ministry before he was appointed as Iran's new ambassador to Moscow.

Larijani Discusses Gulf War With UN's De Cuellar

LD301623 Tehran IRNA in English 1125 GMT 30 May 86

[Text], May 30, IRNA — Deputy Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran Javad Larijani discussed Iraq's violation of international regulations with Secretary General of the United Nations Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York Thursday.

During the meeting in which Director General of the Foreign Ministry for International Affairs Mohammad Ja'far Mahallati and Iran's U.N. representative Seyyed Rajaie-Khorasani were also present. Larijani submitted a message from Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati to the U.N. secretary general and called on the U.N. to show an appropriate reaction to the Baghdad's instigations.

Larijani referred to Iraq's repeated use of chemical weapons in defiance of the Security Council statement and said the Iraqi regime has ridiculed the Security Council measure. Larijani also referred to Iraq's intention to expand the scope of the war in the region and renewed Iran's determination to prevent Iraq from creating tension. He also stressed that Iran was interested in establishing friendly relations with regional states and has been working towards this goal. He told the U.N. secretary general that Iran's call for punishment of the Iraqi ruler as a war criminal, was totally justified.

De Cuellar in reply thanked Iranian cooperation with the U.N. Secretariat Office and called for observation of internationally

accepted regulations in Iraq-Iran war. The eight-point plan proposed by the organization last year stressing observation of international laws was still effective and expressed hope that the war would end on the basis of just standards.

Javad Larijani is currently in New York at the head of a delegation to participate in the extraordinary meeting of the General Assembly on economic crisis in Africa.

SWAPO's Nujoma Concludes Visit, Departs 1 June

LD012031 Tehran IRNA in English 1809 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Leader of the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) Sam Nujoma left here Sunday after a four-day official visit to Tehran. He was seen off by Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati at the airport here.

The SWAPO leader in an press interview at the airport before his departure praised the Islamic Republic of Iran for its attention paid to the anti-apartheid struggles of African Frontline countries and Namibia.

Referring to the opening of SWAPO's embassy in Tehran Sunday and the expansion of ties between SWAPO and the Revolutionary Government of Iran, Nujoma said that SWAPO's ambassador to Iran would be appointed in a near future.

During his stay here Nujoma met and conferred with President 'Ali Khamene'i, Majlis speaker Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani, prime minsiter Hoseyn Musavi and Foreign Minister 'Ali Akbar Velayati. He also visited an Iraqi POW's camp.

In response, the foreign minister expressed hope that the opening of SWAPO's embassy here would help the two sides take a long stride in promoting their mutual ties. He predicted a brilliant future for relations between the Islamic Republic of Iran and SWAPO.

Tehran Arabic: Saudi Arabia Detains, Tortures Clergy

GF021156 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1100 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Reports released by Saudi University students who live outside this country indicated that the Saudi authorities are continuing their arrest of a number of clergy detained last year while performing pilgrimage in Medina on charges of joining the Iranian pilgirms and possessing Imam Khomeyni photos and anti-government slogans.

These reports indicated that a number of these ulema have been detained for the second time and that among them there are a number of old people, such as Haj Muhammad Salih, who is 75 years old. His eyes were badly hurt following his torture in the prisons of Al Sa'ud.

Prisoners released recently reported that the ulema are being tortured in the Saudi prisons.

Reportage on Kurdish Attacks on Iraqi Forces

Ambush Iraqis 28 May

LD010716 Tehran IRNA in English 0717 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — The Iraqi Kurdish Pershmerga in an ambush attack killed a number of Iraqi military personnel including an officer of the special forces, north of Seyyed Khan, northern Iraq, May 28, reliable sources from inside Iraq Sunday.

The revolutionary Muslim Kurds supporters of the Supreme Assembly of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq in this operation also destroyed a military vehicle, the report added.

Meanwhile the Iraqi Kurds last week attacked an Iraqi military base in Galin Zamer area, north of Al-Mawsil, killing or wounding at least 13 of the Iraqi Ba'thist forces and setting ablaze part of the base, it added.

Demonstrations on Al-Qods Day

LD022227 Tehran IRNA in English 1815 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Sannandaj, Kordestan Prov., June 2, IRNA — Iraq's Kurdish theologian's movement Monday called on Iraqi Kurds to "demonstrate their power on the Day of al-Qods" and show their hatred of the ionists.

In a statement, the movement said that "today the Iraqi nation suffers from the rule of Baghdad regime in the same way that the Palestinians suffer from the rule of the al-Qods occupying regime." Day of al-Qods is the last Friday in the lunar month of Ramadan when Muslims around the world demonstrate in protest to the occupation of the Holy City of al-Qods by Zionists.

The Kurds' statement urged Muslim and freedom-loving people including Iraqis and Palestinians, to struggle against the Zionist regime of Israel and the Ba'thist government. Iraq's Muslim Kurds have been struggling against the Baghdad regime for the past several decades in order to attain freedom and independence. They are now stationed in parts of Iraqi Kordestan.

Armed Forces Chief Sohrabi Congratulates Combatants

LD021509 Tehran IRNA in English 1352 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — Chief of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces Colonel Esma'il Sohrabi sent a message to Iranian Muslim combatants Monday [2 Jun] lauding them for their recent military victories in Mehran, Hajj 'Umran and Faqqeh.

Colonel Sohrabi said "once more you risked your lives for God and carried out heavy tactical operations against the defeated enemy." "You, the marchers of the divine path, the grandeur of your combat have added a golden page to the history of the Iraqi imposed war," he said.

In a bid to prevent Iranian Muslim combatants from launching more offensives Iraq has launched hasty military operations in Faqqeh, Hajj 'Umran and Mehran in the past month but has suffered heavy casualties and losses.

Hamadan Province Volunteers Leave for Battlefronts

GF020606 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, simultaneous with the advent of the World Jerusalem Day and in continuation of the widespread departure of people from various strata of society to the battlefronts against elements of world oppression, the 8th convoy of Karbala' wayfarers and the 4th Labbayk ya Imam [we respond to you o imam] convoy from the Hamadan Province comprised of combatants from the mobilization, trained personnel, members of the Labbayk ya Imam scheme from the cities of Hamadan, Malayer, Nahavand, and Tuyserkan, and the districts of Kabudarahang, Razan, Asadabad, Vamenan (Kahavand), and Bahar departed from Hamadan for the fronts of battle with the Zionist enemy.

In addition, a large group of people's volunteer forces from Abdanan District of Ilam Province left for battle with the Saddamist aggressors as the first group of honorary guards. This group also included a combat-technical group from various organizations and institutions of Mahshahr all of whom were given a warm send off.

During the past 2 days hundreds of techincal-combat volunteers from the provinces of Esfahan, Khorasan, Mazandaran, Bushehr, and Semnan left for the fronts of the imposed war in order to cater to the specilized technical requirements of the Islamic combatants.

2,000 Combatants Depart 2 Jun

LD022212 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1635 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] On the eve of International Jerusalem Day, the first group of the third Labbayk ya Imam convoy of Tehran, comprising 2,000 combatants, specialists and re-dispatched combatants of the Guards Corps Basij of the first Sarallah region, left for the fronts of the battle between right and wrong this afternoon.

Also, large numbers of combatants of Islam from towns and areas in Ardakan, Meybod, Baft, (?Ashkzar), Taft, Mehriz and Mahabad left for the fronts of the imposed war this afternoon. They were warmly seen off by the people and their families.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraq Bombs Residential Areas

LD021606 Tehran IRNA in English 1555 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Orumiyeh, West Azarbayjan Prov., June 2, IRNA — Invading Iraqi warplanes bombed Residential areas in Piranshahr and in village of Ben-Darreh, West Azarbayjan Province, Monday morning martyring 11 civilians.

The Iraqi planes had already attacked several villages around Piranshahr as well as some residential units in the city Sunday.

Communique No 2,481

LD021628 Tehran IRNA in English 1620 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — Artillery fire of Iranian Muslim combatants on Iraqi positions in the northwestern fronts Sunday killed or wounded a large number of Iraqi soldiers, set ablaze parts of their positions and destroyed one munitions dump as well as one engineering vehicle, said a military communique here Monday.

Communique Number 2481 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said that over 10 gun emplacements and observation posts as well as four light and heavy vehicles of Iraqi forces were destroyed and a number of enemy troops killed or wounded in the exchange of artillery fire in Bakhtaran and Ilam border fronts.

Iranian Muslim combatants, the communique said, carried out seven successful ambush and patrol operations in Piranshahr and Sardasht, West Azarbayjan Province inflicting casualties and losses on Iraqi forces and collecting key intelligence on enemy positions.

In the western fronts, the communique said, heavy artillery fire was exchanged in Mehran and Sumar as a result of which movement of Iraqi armoured and motorized units were halted.

The communique said that Muslim forces of Iran maintained their full control over key heights in Faqqeh, fortified their positions and opened fire on Iraqi positions in the region inflicting substantial casualties and losses on them and preventing enemy troops from changing their positions. Meanwhile, 35 houses and shops were damaged in Abadan when they were hit by heavy Iraqi artillery fire Sunday.

Radio of Iranian Toilers: Tudeh Party Statement

LD011542 (Clandestine) Radio of the Iranian Toilers in Persian 1530 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Dear listeners, we have the pleasure of bringing to your attention the statement issued by the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran about its national conference.

The holding of this conference is one of the main achievements in the short period after [word indistinct]. This historical event shows that the reactionaries ruling over Iran have as always, been defeated in their fight against the party of the workers of Iran. Self-appointed rulers of the Islamic Republic imagine that by detaining, torturing, and killing the cadres, members, and supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran, they can uproot and destroy it. But since the party has deep links with the fundamental interests of the workers of Iran, due to its revolutionary essence, the conspiracies of the enemies of the people have, as always, been aborted.

The national conference of the Tudeh Party of Iran is one of the important events in the party's honorable life and constitutes a step forward in solving the pressing problems and strengthening the party's internal bonds. The Radio of the Iranian Toilers,

while congratulating the members and supporters of the Tudeh Party of Iran, brings to your attention the text of the statement issued by the Secretariat of the party Central Committee on the national conference, as follows:

In spite of the savage attacks on the party by the reactionaries and imperialists, the national conference was held in the presence of a large number of party cadres and in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, democracy, and true cooperation.

This conference was the manifestation of the party's uncompromising and (?effective) steadfastness against various problems created by the class enemy in the course of the struggle. The national conference first heard the Central Committee's report on the most vital economic and social problems of the country. Then, in an atmosphere of camaraderie and democratic exchanges of views, the conference debated and reviewed the report and unanimously approved it. The national conference, having studied the theses on the revolution of Bahman 57 [February 1978; as heard], and assessing the party's political lines in this connection, the conference extensively discussed the new plans and approved the following two important documents. Considering the quality of the party's activities under current circumstances, the national conference made the necessary amendments to its constitution. On the basis of the report from the Central Committee, the national conference passed a series of documents as messages and resolutions, among them are:

A special resolution on the situation in the world and in Iran as well as the party's duties at the present juncture;
A resolution in connection with efforts made to expand the communist and workers movement of Iran;
A message addressed to the people of Iran and the progressive people about political prisoners;
A message addressed to the political prisoners;
The message of the national conference of the Tudeh Party of Iran addressed to the people of Iran;
A message addressed to the writers and artists of Iran;
A resolution on solidarity between our party and other communist and workers' parties;
A message addressed to the heroic people of Chile;
A message addressed to the Communist Party of Iraq;
A message addressed to the African National Congress;
A message addressed to the Labor Party of Angola;
A message addressed to the anti-apartheid and anti-racist strugglers in South Africa;
A message addressed to the PDPA Central Committee;
A message addressed to the struggling people of Palestine and other forces that are acting against imperialism and reactionaries.

At the conclusion of its work, the national conference elected the Central Committee of the Tudeh Party of Iran by secret ballot and on the basis of a decisive majority of votes. The new Central Committee, in its first session, elected its political delegation and the party's Secretariat by secret ballot. Comrade 'Ali Khavari was once again unanimously elected as party first secretary.

The successful session of the national conference of the Tudeh Party of Iran, which was one of the best attended sessions of the party in the past 38 years, once again clearly showed that our party of the masses, holding aloft the victorious Marxist-Leninist flag and that of the internationalist proletariats within the workers mvoement of our country, is the battle headquarters for the workers of Iran in their fight against imperialism and reactionaries.

Voice of Liberation on Arrests for Explosion

GF020922 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 0330 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Sixty Majlis deputies and officials addressed a letter to Khomeyni, expressing their anxiety on the arrests of some of Mohammad 'Ali Raja'i's associates in connection with an explosion 5 years ago. The letter calls the arrests a plot against the Islamic Republic.

According to *RESALAT* newspaper published in Tehran, Mohammad Taqi-Samadi, the regime's former charge d'affaires in Kabul and one of those accused in this case, has committed suicide in Evin prison.

Khosrow Tehrani, an influential SAVAK member and the intelligence adviser to the Khomeyni regime's prime minister, has been arrested.

Behzad Nabavi, heavy industries minister of the Islamic Republic, and some other members of the Islamic revolution Mojahedin are also under suspicion in connection with the explosion of the prime minister's office 5 years ago.

Voice of Liberation Reviews Ties With Argentina

GF310707 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 0330 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Differences between the mullahs regime and Argentina have culminated in the cutting off of food exports from the latter. It may be recalled that Argentinian foodstuffs catered to a large part of the needs of our people.

Argentina also had provided arms and ammunition, however it imposed restrictions on the export of light arms and ammunition to Iran as a result of pressure from Amnesty International and other international sources and the evidence of documents pertaining to torture, repression, and censorship in Iran.

Voice of Liberation on Clashes in Babol

GF310712 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 0330 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] A few persons were killed in a sanguinary clash between a patrol of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and anti-regime elements in Babol.

According to related reports from Babol, during this violent clash, which took place last Wednesday on the Babol circular avenue, six elements of the regime and two of the regime's opponents, as well as an innocent pedestrian, were killed.